

Harbingers of Spring!



"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26

Dear Friends:

On February 28th, I heard and saw the geese flying overhead, seemingly confused and heading south, at least for the moment. God gave them something we don't have – instinct. They were the early birds of the season going ultimately north. I thought for a moment that maybe the Lord sent the birds to tell me that, yes, He is in control.

The birds fly in and out, here and there, and it seems they don't have a care in the world. Truckers come in and out, week after week almost, it would seem, like the birds. As I sit on my usual stool or as I walk around the Flying J, I see the truckers, staff and suppliers, all going in and out, and I chuckle to myself at the busyness of them. We fret and worry and panic about things that so often, in the end, don't really matter all that much, though they certainly seem to at the time.

Thank God that we, who were created in His image and likeness, are blessed with things that the birds do not have – like the ability to plan and reason – in addition to other things. But think about the sparrow. The Psalmist said in Psalm 84:3, *"Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God."* The altar, where is it? It can be in the chapel, a church, the home and even in a truck. That's where I find some truckers have it. It's their place of daily worship where they meet with God. Some also like to come to the chapels along the highways, where we can share the Word of God and fellowship with them.



Our Heavenly Father knows the birds' needs and provides through various means. He also knows the truckers' and travellers' needs as well. We are blessed in our day to have so many things, sometimes even more than we need, that are available for us. But more important than all of these is that we know the God who created the birds, on day five, and has cared for them ever since.

These men and women who bring virtually everything we use to our doors and stores, and who travel from one point to another for our benefit, need to know the same One who gave them life, like the birds that find their delight at His altar.

Please pray for these drivers who are there for you and me – for their safety as they travel, for alertness on the highways, for undistracted thinking because it is easy for the mind to drift in many directions – which can make their driving unsafe. Pray that they would have good and regular contact with their mates and families.

Of most importance is the truckers' relationship with the Lord. Without Christ in their lives, they are without hope. Pray for me, that I might serve them faithfully in the Lord Jesus Christ, that I would be able to see their needs by the Holy Spirit's leading, and boldness to tell them.

Birds get their supply from the Lord. As chaplains of Open Road Chapels, we are blessed to have the Holy Spirit leading you, His people, to pray for us and to supply our needs through your financial support as you are able. For both of these supports, Maxine and I give you thanks! To donate now, please [click here](#).

God bless you for your faithfulness.

Love in Christ,
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P. S. If we can pray specifically for you, please let us know.